

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2022 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB155-DOA-OPA-1-22-22
Title: COURT SYSTEM PROVIDE VISITORS & EXPERTS
Sponsor: TUCK
Requester: House Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2023 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2023 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2023	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	(854.4)		(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	(854.4)	0.0	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(854.4)		(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)
Total	(854.4)	0.0	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)	(854.4)

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated fiscal note for the current fiscal year.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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House Bill 155 would transfer from the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) to the court system the duty to provide court visitors in guardianship cases, and in cases involving the involuntary administration of psychotropic medication.

By statute, judges appoint court visitors provided by OPA to assess the needs and conditions of respondents in guardianship proceedings. Visitors are neutral evaluators who submit their assessment directly to the judge in the case. Visitors also make reports on the continuing appropriateness of the guardianship by conducting follow-up reviews every three years. Finally, court visitors are appointed in cases where an evaluation or treatment facility requests that a court order a person in their care to receive psychotropic medication. The visitor's role in that type of appointment is to assess the competency of the person to consent, or not, to the administration of the drug.

This fiscal note reflects the cost of that transfer, which is based on the most recent costs incurred by OPA for this work. The Department of Administration and the court system negotiated the funding for this transfer of responsibility. If OPA were to continue to administer this growing program, it would be necessary for OPA to request an additional support staff position. Thus, the court system's request includes an additional PCN that does not yet exist. This accounts for the difference in the totals between OPA and the court system's fiscal notes.

This fiscal note was updated for the 2022 fiscal note form.